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1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 2-87110, dated March 28, 1990 together with English language abstract;
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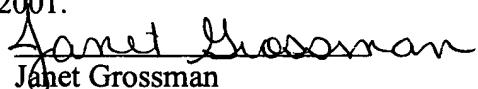
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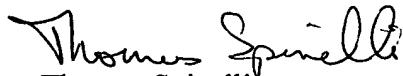
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4. English language abstract of Japanese Publication No. 10-133126, dated May 22, 1998;
5. English language abstract of Japanese Publication No. 11-216102, dated August 10, 1999; and
6. English language abstract of Japanese Publication No. 06-209904, dated August 2, 1994.

References 1 and 2 have been described in the specification. References 3-6 were cited in a Search Report received from the Japanese Patent Office dated November 7, 2000. Applicants are submitting copies of references 1 and 2 and English language abstracts of references 3-6, together with a copy of the Search Report. The relevance of the references 3-6 has been described in the Search Report.

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